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Wizard's Soul

MORNING SIS!
BRRRING
BRRRING
UHG
BRRRING
...MM
HUH...? MY HEAD HURTS...
YEAH...
SIS?
YEAH.
IT WAS PRETTY COLD OUT LAST NIGHT...
NOT REALLY.
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOUR VOICE SOUNDS OFF.
MORNING.

TL NOTE: This is 100.76° F

OH!
WHAT ABOUT DROPPING THEM OFF AND PICKING THEM UP FROM KINDERGARTEN?
DON'T WORRY, LEAVE IT TO DAD.
OKAY.
YOU STAY HOME AND REST FOR TODAY.
I'LL GO AHEAD AND CALL YOUR SCHOOL AND THE SHOP.
WELL THAT'S NO GOOD.

HAVE A GOOD DAY.
IT'LL BE FINE.
BYE!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS GIVE ME A CALL, YOU HEAR?
BYE!
tick
tick
tick
tick
tick
tick
IT'S COLD.
NNGH
PLINK

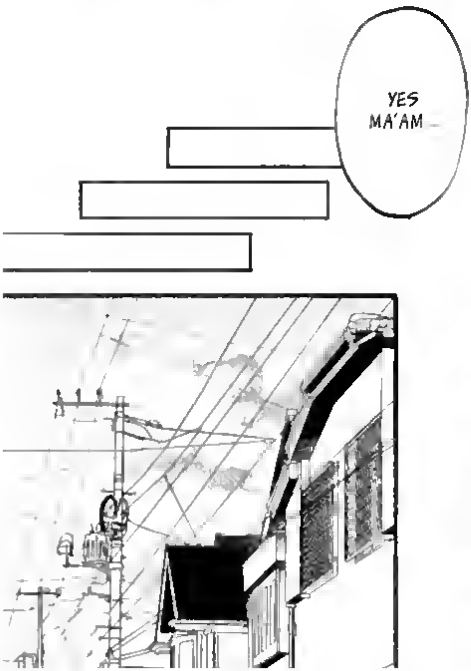
AAUGH...
THIS SUCKS.
IT HURTS...
I'M COLD...
THIS SUCKS...
M—
MOM—
GENERAL HOSPITAL
WHAT A GOOD GIRL
YES
ARE YOU HERE TO SEE YOUR MOMMY AGAIN TODAY?
HI THERE!
IF IT ISN'T LITTLE MANAKA

knock
knock
YES?
MOM
CAN I COME IN?
OF COURSE
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.
...
SO, SHALL WE BEGIN?
...OKAY.

I LOSE...
...
MANAKA?
YES...
THE TIMING OF MY CARD DRAW SPELLS...
and, um...
MUMBLE
THE...ORDER I PLAYED MY CREATURES
and
MUMBLE
WHAT YOUR MISTAKES WERE?
CAN YOU TELL ME
IN THAT GAME,
YES MA'AM.
WAS YOUR CHOICE OF BURN TARGETS.
BUT THE TURNING POINT THIS TIME,
TRUE.

YOU COULD HAVE AFFORDED TO WAIT AND GET MY ENCHANTMENT WITH IT.
BUT YOU STILL HAD THE ADVANTAGE AT THAT POINT.
WOULD HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR YOU LATER,
THIS CARD YOU DESTROYED
DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN DUN

BUT IF YOU CAN'T PUT THAT TO USE YOU'LL NEVER WIN
AND UNDER-STAND THE DECK WELL,
YOU'VE GOT THE BASIC SKILLS DOWN,


YES MA'AM

IS THAT YOU LACK PATIENCE
YOUR PROBLEM

TAKKUN, YOU'RE ALREADY OLD ENOUGH TO READ THE CARDS NOW!
OH, GOOD JOB!
THIS!
IT'S A MATERIAL!
HE'S ALMOST THE SAME AGE AS ME...
plod
plod
MM HMM?
HEY MOM, HEY MOM!
...
NICE, NICE!
WOW!
DWAW!
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A FUTURE PRO ON OUR HANDS!
DWAW!

WHY IS MOM SO STRONG?
I'VE NEVER WON EVEN ONCE...
DON'T WORRY! DAD'S NEVER WON A GAME AGAINST HER EITHER
HM?
DAD...
SO, PROBABLY... EXPERIENCE.
HMM...
MOM HAS HAD HEALTH PROBLEMS SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE, AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN THE HOSPITAL
THE REASON SHE'S SO STRONG, HUH?
SORRY, SORRY...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
OTHER PATIENTS, AND ROPE THEM INTO GAMES
SHE'D GRAB NURSES, DOCTORS,
WHILE SHE WAS THERE, SHE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH ELSE TO DO BESIDES PLAY WS

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE SHE PLAYS SO MUCH,
BUT THE TYPES OF DECKS SHE CHOOSES, AND HOW THEY PLAY,
REALLY ARE ANNOYING, AREN'T THEY?
HM?
WHAT'S THAT?
ONE MORE THING...
I DON'T LIKE IT.
OH!
I KNOW, RIGHT!?
MOM'S DECK...
WOAH,
NO WAY NO WAY.
HATE ME?
DEFINITELY NOT.
MAYBE, DOES MOM...
...
REALLY?
REALLY!
AND ONE OTHER THING.
SO I AT LEAST WANT TO TEACH HER CARDS."
"I CAN'T DO NORMAL 'MOM' THINGS,
YOU KNOW WHAT SHE SAID?

AND THAT SHE'S SO PROUD OF YOU.
SHE SAID YOU'RE ALREADY TEN TIMES STRONGER THAN DAD.
PFFF
BUT I'M DEFINITELY VERY PROUD OF YOU TOO.
DAD IS A LITTLE CONFLICTED
DAD, I WANT TO GET STRONGER!
OOH
SOON YOU'LL BE 100 TIMES STRONGER THAN DADDY.
rrrrrrrring
rrrrrrrring
rrrrrrrring

rrrrrrring
rrrrrrring
THE PHONE...
IS THIS HIS DAUGHTER?
THE DEBT PEOPLE...
THIS IS HONMA FROM TAKEFUJI LOANS.
ICHINOSE RESIDENCE.
...YES.
I SEE.
IS YOUR DAD HOME?
NO.
ALRIGHT, WELL WHEN HE GETS BACK, CAN YOU ASK HIM TO CALL ME BACK?
YES.
YES.
...YES.
GOOD BYE.
DAD...
ISN'T MAKING THE PAYMENTS...

MOM'S CONDITION WORSENED AND SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED AGAIN.
SHORTLY AFTER MY SISTERS WERE BORN

SO.
shuffle
shuffle
HOW ABOUT WE PLAY A GAME?
shuffle
OISHI GENERAL HOSPITAL
IN PLACE OF DAD, WHO WAS BUSY WITH WORK AND LOOKING AFTER THE BABIES,
I VISITED MOM AT THE HOSPITAL EVERY DAY.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
NOT BAD.

AND WE PLAYED CARDS, EVERY TIME.

I HAVE TO SACRIFICE ONE CREATURE I CONTORL.
THIS CREATURE OF MINE REQUIRES ME TO PAY AN UPKEEP COST
AT THE END OF MY TURN
I'M AT 500 LIFE.
AND ATTACK
I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR CREATURE.
THEN,

I LOSE.
...
SHE CLEARED MY FIELD AGAIN...
SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THIS ONE I BORROWED FROM YOU
AND SEND IT TO THE GRAVEYARD.
slide
YOUR TURN.

AND I LOST, EVERY TIME.

THE BETTER YOUR DRAWS ARE IN GAME.
HOW I THINK OF IT IS, THE MORE YOU SUFFER IN REALITY.
WELL,
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS DRAW JUST THE RIGHT CARD YOU NEED?
MOM,

ALRIGHT.
THANK YOU FOR COMING.
OKAY, IT'S ABOUT TIME, SO I'M GOING HOME.
COME ON, MOM.
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
TRUE.
THAT DOES SOUND PRETTY WEIRD
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
"THE WORSE I GET
THE BETTER MY GAME.
SO, IT DOESN'T HURT.
I'M FINE."
ABOUT HER CONDITION.
MOM SAID THAT
BECAUSE SHE'S TRYING TO THINK POSITIVELY
I'M SURE

"I WON'T GET BETTER, BUT IT'S IMPROVING MY GAME SO IT'S FINE."
MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE SAID IT THAT WAY.
MOM ISN'T GOING TO GET BETTER?
WHAT IF...
...
LIKE... SHE'S JUST ACCEPTED DEATH?
BUT THAT'S LIKE SHE'S GIVEN UP.
YOUR SUFFERING AND YOUR LUCK IN THE GAME AREN'T CONNECTED.
GIVE UP ON GETTING BETTER...
PLEASE DON'T
I DON'T... WANT THAT...

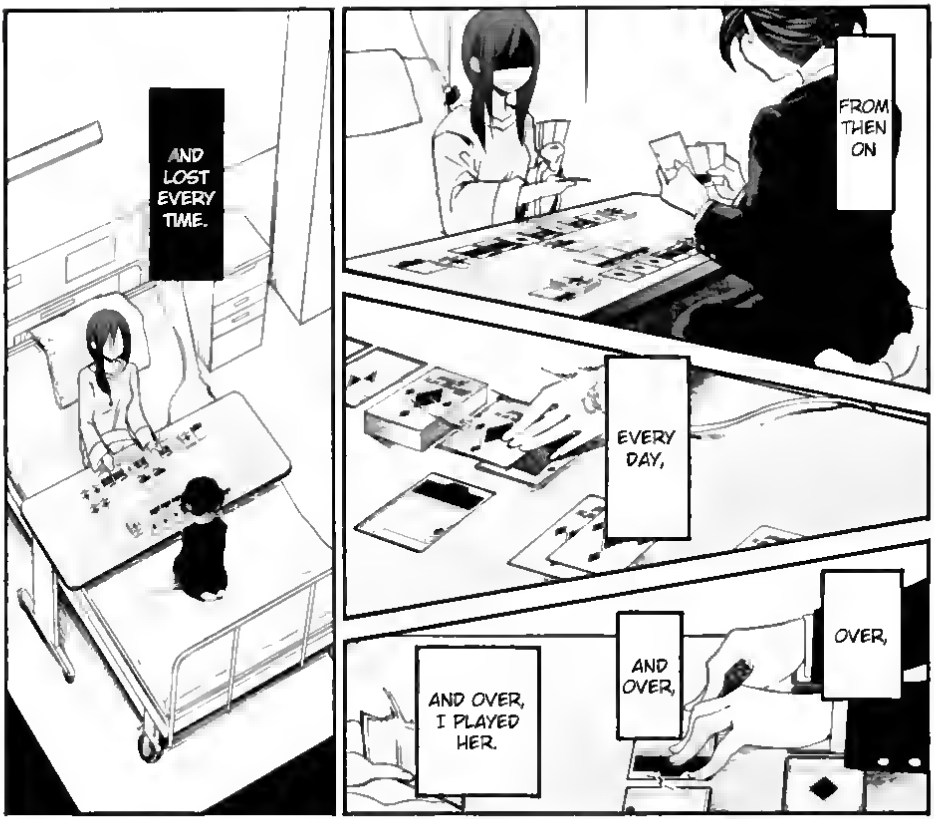
I'M GOING TO WIN
AND PROVE IT!
BUT
GENERAL HOSPITAL
IF YOU CAN'T PAY EXTRA MANA EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF CREATURES IN MY GRAVEYARD,
THAT SPELL IS COUNTERED.
THE MORE WE PLAYED, THE STRONGER MY MOTHER BECAME.
FOR EACH ZOMBIE IN MY GRAVEYARD
YOUR CREATURE GETS
MINUS 500 AT AND HP.

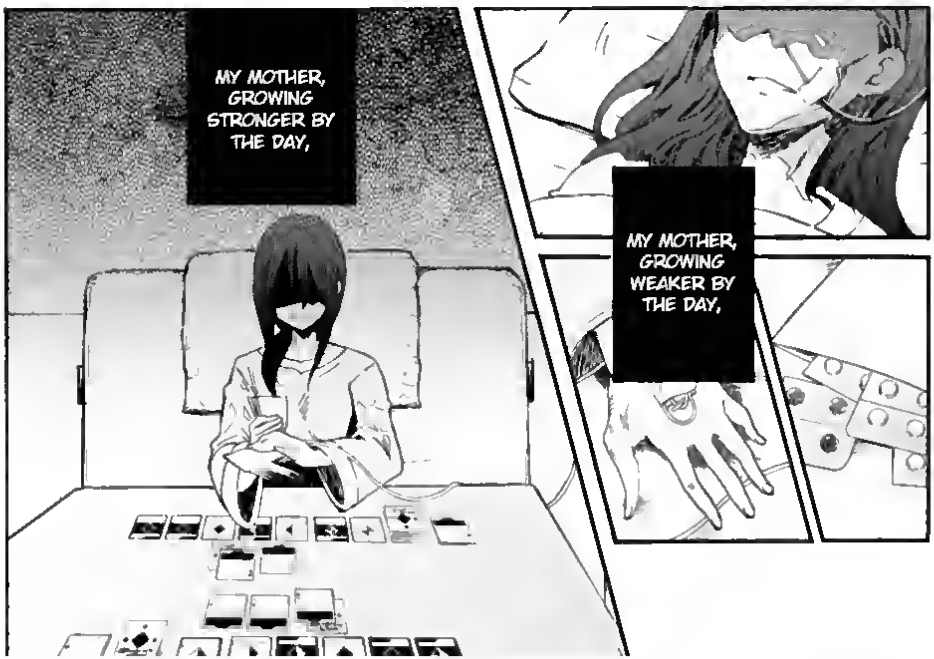
MY MOTHER
SEEMED POS-SESSED BY THE IMAGE OF DEATH ITSELF.
WHY, AT A TIME LIKE THIS,
DID A BLOCK FOCUSED ON GRAVEYARD MECHANICS AND ZOMBIES HAVE TO COME OUT..
TL NOTE: A "Block" is a thematically linked set of expansions
AS I WATCHED HER PLAY THEM.
CARDS THAT SYM-BOLIZE DEATH.
I'LL REMOVE YOUR GRAVEYARD FROM THE GAME.
WITH THIS "BANISH TO THE UNDER-WORLD"
Banish to the Underworld
Sorcery
Remove all cards in target player's Graveyard from the game.
TODAY I CAME PREPARED WITH A COUNTER.
IT'S JUST MY IMAGI-NATION.
DON'T THINK LIKE THAT!
MY TURN.

WELL, IN THAT CASE...
LET'S SEE IF I CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
YOUR GRAVEYARD, AND THAT NASTY IMAGE,
I'LL REMOVE THEM BOTH!
OH...
END TURN.
WHICH DESTROYS ALL CREATURES ON BOTH OUR FIELDS.
WITH MY RESET SPELL, "RAGNAROK"
Ragnarok
NOW THE GRAVEYARD IS ALL FULL AGAIN.
THERE.

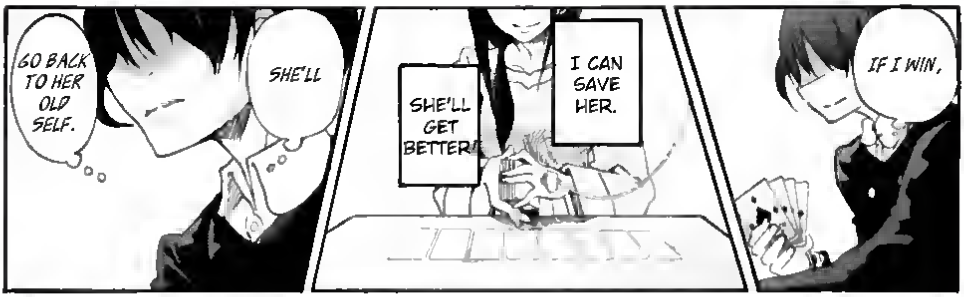
My mother

smells like death.


AND LOST EVERY TIME.
FROM THEN ON
EVERY DAY,
AND OVER, I PLAYED HER.
AND OVER,
OVER,


MY MOTHER, GROWING STRONGER BY THE DAY,
MY MOTHER, GROWING WEAKER BY THE DAY,

TERRIFYING, AS THOUGH SHE WERE POSSESSED.



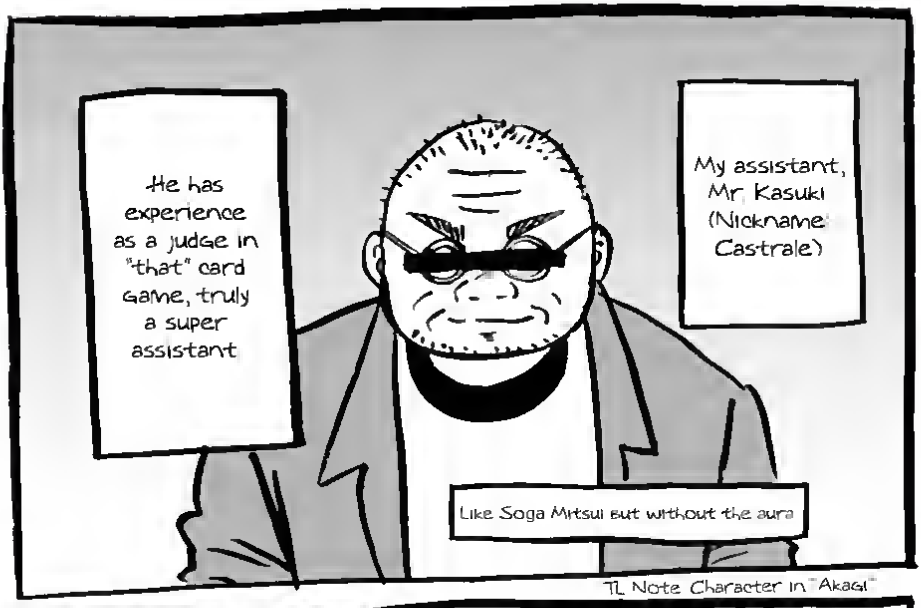
AT SOME POINT I BECAME ALMOST HYPNOTIZED BY THAT THOUGHT.

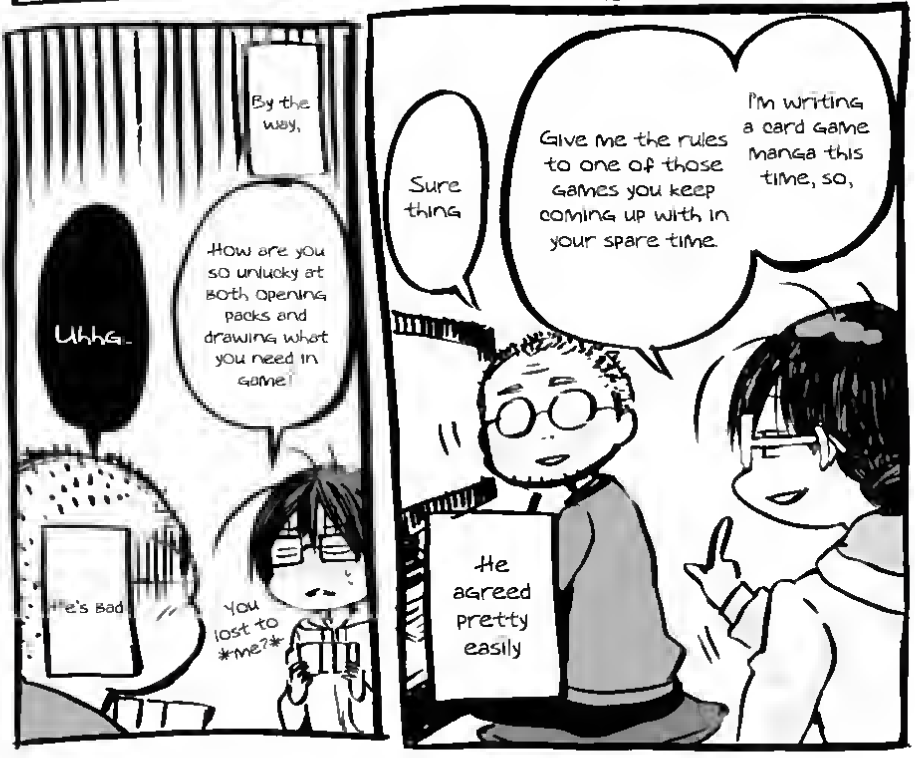
LOOKS LIKE
MOM WINS AGAIN.

NOW THAT I'M PLAYING WS AGAIN,
IT'S BRINGING BACK OLD MEMORIES.

OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M SICK
THAT I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THE PAST.
THE MORE ONE SUFFERS
THE BETTER THEIR LUCK IN THE GAME, HUH?
THAT'S JUST SILLY...
RIGHT?

HOW "WIZARD'S SOUL" STARTED #2


He has experience as a judge in "that" card game, truly a super assistant
My assistant, Mr. Kasuki (Nickname: Castrale)
Like Soga Mitsui but without the aura
TL Note Character in "Akagi"


By the way,
How are you so unlucky at both opening packs and drawing what you need in game?
Uhhg..
He's bad
You lost to *me?*
I'm writing a card game manga this time, so,
Give me the rules to one of those games you keep coming up with in your spare time
Sure thing
He agreed pretty easily

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Next chapter we get up to the GP, plus some more Eita. See you next week~